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**FIRST ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY JOHN E. MURPHY HONORED AT
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

The Department of Justice held its 25th annual Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA) Director's Awards Ceremony on Friday, during which 160 award recipients were recognized for their excellence in law enforcement. Recipients included Assistant United States Attorneys, law enforcement agents, litigation and information technology support personnel, and others who have made outstanding contributions in federal, state and local law enforcement.

Mr. Murphy received the Executive Achievement Award for his exceptional career in public service. He has served the Department of Justice with distinction for 35 years spending 33 of those years in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Texas and 14 of those years as the First Assistant U.S. Attorney.

"The attorneys, agents and staff we honor today are dedicated public servants," said Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey. "Today's award recipients are leaders in carrying out the Department's mission, and the citizens in the communities they serve should be proud of their efforts and accomplishments."

While terrorism remains the top priority of the Department of Justice, the Department has continued its mission to enforce all of our nation's laws, including prosecuting civil rights violations, gang violence and drug crimes, as well as representing our client agencies, conducting civil enforcement, and assisting victims of crime.

"We have relied on the wisdom and good judgment of John Murphy for many years here in the US Attorney's Office. It is great to see him recognized by the Attorney General for his good work over thirty plus years of service to America," stated United States Attorney Johnny Sutton.

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